route subject to compliance of the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the regulations of the appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Electrification of villages

†1063. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the target to provide electricity to every village by 2009; and

(b) the number of private sector companies with whom agreements have been made to achieve the said target?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India has introduced a new scheme in April, 2005 named "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) — Scheme for Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Households Electrification" for electrifying all villages and habitations, providing access to electricity to all households, giving electricity connections to Below Poverty Line families free of charge in five years, by 2009.

(b) So far REC has not entered into agreement with any private sector company to achieve the said target.

Growth of power generation

1064. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation achieved in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the rate of growth of power generation in the country during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the present rate of growth of power generation is sufficient to meet the ever rising need for electricity;

(d) if so, the justifications therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.